

REMARKS

Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 98 of the application.

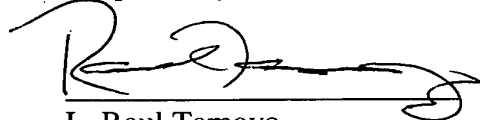
Specifically, Applicants have amended the last paragraph of Claim 1 (at page 22 of this Amendment) to delete therefrom brackets in order to avoid any confusion at the time of printing the patent.

As for Claim 98, Applicants have amended it by rewriting it as an independent claim, including all of the limitations of Claim 1 prior to the amendment to Claim 1 effected by the Amendment filed August 23, 2004. Consideration and entry of this amendment to Claim 98 is respectfully requested for the following reason:

- **the language of Claim 98, as amended herein, has
already been considered and examined by Examiner
Habte and deemed acceptable and allowable by the
Examiner at page 4 of the Office Action mailed March
22, 2004.**

Therefore, no question of new matter or questions of further search arise.

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